

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eugenio A. Cefali	Examiner:	S.L. Channavajjala
Serial No.: 08/960,557	Group Art Unit No.:	1615
Filing Date: October 31, 1997	Confirmation No. :	6174
For:		

Methods for Treating Hyperlipidemia With Intermediate Release Nicotinic Acid Compositions  
Having Unique Biopharmaceutical Characteristics

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also herewith Petition for a 3-month extension of time, thus extending the due date for response from September 30, 2008 until December 30, 2008. Authorization is given to charge deposit account number 04-2223 for the 3-month extension of time fee as well as any other fees associated with the filing of this paper.

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